

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, and claims 1-4, 7-9, 11-14 and 18-20 stand rejected.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §102

Claims 1-4, 7-19, 11-14 and 18-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,603,193 to Crane. In particular, the Examiner finds that, with regard to claims 1 and 11, Crane discloses all of the claimed limitations. In a previous submission Applicants noted that Crane does not teach a body with a cavity for receiving the substrate and at least a portion of the top cover therein to form an enclosed housing therewith, the body including at least one connector extending from within the cavity to outside of the body and configured to contact the integrated circuit when the substrate is in the cavity. [emphasis added] In the final Action the Examiner replies that the connectors (30, 32) of Crane *electrically* contact the circuit. Applicants have therefore amended claim 1 and 11 to clearly specify that the body includes at least one connector extending from within the cavity to outside of the body and configured to physically contact the integrated circuit when the substrate is in the cavity. [emphasis added] Support for this amendment is found through the originally filed drawings and specification, and is a limitation that (as admitted by the Examiner in the final Action) is clearly not taught by Crane. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claims 1 and 11 as amended herein are patentable over Crane and request the Examiner to kindly reconsider and pass these claims to issue.

Claims 2 – 10 depend from claim 1, and claims 12-20 depend from claim 11. In view of the above discussion, it is submitted that claims 1 and 11 are allowable, and for this reason claims 2-10 and 12-20 are also allowable and are not individually addressed herein.

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the Examiner's indication of allowability as to claims 5-6 and 15-17. However, as detailed above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now allowable, that the application is now in condition for allowance, and thus respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

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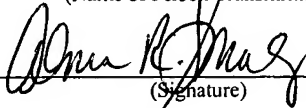
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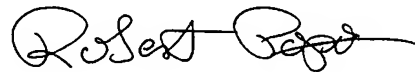


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